



**Micmacs of Gesgapegiag Band
Band Council Meeting
Minutes**

August 11, 2005
Conference Room
6:00 p.m.

Present: Chief John Martin, Councillors; Clement Bernard, Charlie Caplin, Donald Caplin, Danny Condo, Dorothy Gedeon, Anthony Jerome and Jeremy Jerome

(Council was misinformed about time of meeting; the meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm)

Absent: Armand Martin, Out of Town

Minute Taker: Virginia Martin

1. Adoption of the Agenda:

The agenda was adopted with no items to be added to the agenda;

Proposed by: Councillor Donald Caplin

Seconded by: Councillor Danny Condo

Motion Carried.

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2. Words from council members:

Chief John Martin welcomed council members both new and previous council members to a new mandate, everyone expressed words of welcome. Donald Caplin expressed to council that it would be important to continue the work on the electoral code; Chief Martin informed him that work is still being done on the code and options are being looked into on how to approach the process of approving the electoral code. Charlie Caplin welcomed the new council and hopes that they will be able to work together in their new mandate.

3. Chief's up-date:

Subject	Attendance	Issue / Concern	Outcome
Forestry	J.F. Lemerle	GDS Baldwin work-mill close, MRN Forestry Agreement	Asked if a complaint letter has been sent to MRN and GDS. Oil spills

			and damage to forest with a copy to council. Follow up on forestry Management agreement follow up with PESCA on moose study and dollars
Health	Victoria Labillois	Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) Medical Cards	September 9 th activity day for FAS, declaration being prepared to propose to council. Requested that we re-conduct awareness activities for renewal of cards.
Economic Dev.	Christianne Bernard, Tim Dedam & Soucy Gilles	Industrial Park	Brief discussion, preparation activities for estimates on the industrial park, no final
Migmawei Mawiomi	Brenda Miller exec. Dir. & legal Richard Jeannotte, Chiefs Gaspe & Listuguj	Ministers meeting with Corbeil trip, with	Minister of native affairs cancelled trip to the Gaspe. Re-scheduling meeting with Minister for Natural Resources Corbeil. Due to limited time given.
Public Works	Francois Poulot Roch	Highway 132 Urbanization	Spoke with Mr. Poulot and a preparation meeting for the meeting with the Minister of Transportation is set for August 23, 2005 10:00 am with Luc & Clem
Other	Community members, business man & police	Appreciation, updates Clarifications	Did meet with some individuals including the opposing candidate for Chief.

			<p>Preparation for council meeting and swearing in ceremony.</p> <p>Met William provided me with an update on powwow and swearing in.</p> <p>Met with Mr. St-Onge and the Chief of police regarding expulding of business people. People have the right to expel people from their yards, but don't have the power to expel people from the community. A business person may come on the reserve to meet clients but according to section 89.1 of the Indian Act, no seizure is allowed and the Indian Act supersedes provincial law on the reserve.</p>
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Discussion's arising from Chief's Update:

Mr. Bernard informed Chief Martin, that business people are able to come in the community for seizure on movable objects, such as cars, trailers, etc; however, things such as swimming pools cannot be seized.

4. Portfolio assignment:

Chief Martin assigned the portfolios as follows: Chief Martin informed council that previous council members will keep their portfolios.

Forestry, Rights based Fish & Game - Councillor Danny Condo

Economic Development & G.C.D.C - Councillor Anthony Jerome

Education & Culture - Councillor Jeremy Jerome

Social Assistance & Recreation - Councillor Clement Bernard

Public Works / Housing - Councillors Armand Martin and Charlie Caplin

Health-Social Services & Commercial Fisheries - Chief John Martin

Public Security - Councillor Donald Caplin

Membership & Lands - Councillor Dorothy Gedeon

Councillor Donald Caplin would like to know what his role would be as a portfolio councilor in that area, Chief Martin informed him that he would work with the Emergency Preparedness, Policing and the Fire Department. Your Role as portfolio councilor is to be aware of what is going on directly in your portfolio, you are not to assume the role of the director, simply for information only, but you can schedule appointments with the director of your portfolio.

Chief Martin also informed council that he was approached before the elections regarding open council meetings and having all councillors participate actively in the meetings. All councillors will be giving up-dates within their portfolios at the open council meetings.

5. Private Housing Grant:

A request was submitted to council on the last council meeting requesting for a housing grant from Bernard Jerome Sr. the request was agreed upon in principal, however, Chief Martin would like an official motion proposed to accept the request.

Therefore, a motion is proposed to grant an amount of \$ 24 000.00 to Bernard Jerome Sr. for the purpose of building his home.

Proposed by: Councillor Charlie Caplin

Seconded by: Councillor Danny Condo

Motion Carried.

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6. Swearing in Ceremony:

Chief Martin informed council that there will be a traditional swearing in ceremony on Saturday at 12:00 noon at the Grand Entry of the powwow; Chief Martin would like all council to be present at the swearing ceremony.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Proposed by: Councillor Donald Caplin
Seconded by: Councillor Clement Bernard
Abstention: Armand Martin

Motion Carried
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Acceptance of minutes dated August 11th, 2005 as presented with corrections and additions.

Proposed by: Councillor Danny Condo Jr.
Seconded by: Councillor Jeremy Jerome
Abstention: Armand Martin

Motion Carried.

Date of Acceptance: September 15th, 2005

Certified true copy of the original.

Signature: _____
Director of Operations

Signature: _____
Chief